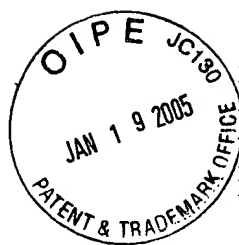


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DATE: January 14, 2005

MAIL-STOP AMENDMENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:	Patent Application of MICHAEL ECONS, <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 1647 : : :
Appln. No.:	09/901,938	: Examiner: C. Saoud : :
Filed:	July 10, 2001	: Attorney Docket : No. 053884-5001 :
For:	NOVEL FIBROBLAST GROWTH FACTOR (FGF23) AND METHODS OF USE	: : :

**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated July 23, 2004 (Paper No. 072104), sent in connection with the above-identified application. This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time filed herewith, which sets the time for a response to the Office Action to and through Monday, January 24, 2005 (January 23, 2005, being a Sunday).

In response to the Office Action, kindly amend the application as follows: